

Oregon City/West Linn Bridge April Project Update

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Bridge Shuttle Service Added

Starting Monday, May 2, the Arch Bridge Shuttle will run more frequently by reducing the waiting time between trips. It will now take 15 minutes each way between Oregon City and West Linn rather than the current 20 minutes. The Shuttle will leave West Linn on the hour and half-hour. It will depart Oregon City at :15 and :45 minutes after the hour.

The shuttle operates Mondays-Fridays from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Shuttle can carry up to 7 passengers, 4 bicycles and 1 wheelchair.

Since the shuttle started on Jan. 15, it has carried 5,633 riders, including 591 bicyclists. This is an average of 72 passengers per day on weekdays. The weekends see higher bicycle rider usage with an average of 9 bicyclists per day using the shuttle.

Repair Work Continues

Looking ahead, here is what is coming for the project in May. The contractor is continuing to remove the Gunite from the bridge. The focus will be underneath the roadway where a curtain enclosure and containment pans will capture the debris.

Repair work is being done on the roadway supports and the expansion joints.

The repair work on the arch columns is being completed. In addition, seismic upgrades are being incorporated into the project overall.

Traffic Impacts

During the week of May 1, there will be lane closures both north and southbound on OR 99E (McLoughlin Boulevard), so the contractor can work on the girders that span OR 99E.

Barges Return in June

Barges are tentatively scheduled to be stationed under the bridge beginning in early June. They will serve as work

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platforms and for debris containment. Their arrival was anticipated to occur in early May but high river flow due to late snow and wet spring weather caused a delay. The heavy river flows create dangerous movement of barges on the river. Once barges are in position this will allow for other work below the bridge to occur such as hydro-blasting and shotcrete placement. The barges will come through the locks again, from up river at Wilsonville.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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